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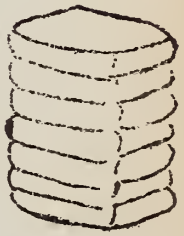

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AAA CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR INCREASED DAIRY PRODUCTION

Calling on local dairyman to help meet the nation's demand for dairy products, _____, Chairman of the _____ County AAA Committee pointed out today that dairy production payments should assist farmers in doing their part. The winter rates for dairy production payments are 70 cents a hundredweight for milk and ten cents a pound for butterfat.

More than 1,750,000 milk producers received a total of $64,153,228 in dairy production payments on sales of 13,388,386,500 pounds of milk and 166,508,340 pounds of butterfat during May and June. These payments, which offset increases in dairy production costs, are designed to maintain milk production at the high level necessary to meet requirements. Since the program became effective October 1, 1943, producers had received a total of $222,862,000 on production through June.

New Mexico farmers received $103,685,00 of this national total with $_____ going to farmers in _____ County.

HOUSEWIVES CAN HELP RELIEVE STORAGE SHORTAGE

New Mexico onion growers look to housewives to help relieve the present lack of storage space for their banner onion crop.

If every family will buy and store a supply of onions, the congestion will soon be relieved, according to Robert D. Coppock, of the office of Distribution.

TIRE QUOTAS NO HIGHER

Farmers continue to face a serious shortage of truck tires. The October truck quota of 280,000 tires (7.50 or smaller) is the same as the September quota, which failed to meet minimum requirements.

TORRANCE COUNTY FARMER LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

John Aday, cooperating farmer in the Claunch-Pinto Soil Conservation District, is looking to the future rather than to immediate gains. That's the reason he's sold on terracing and contour cultivation.

"If my only profit were increased yields, I probably wouldn't be farming these short rows," he said. "But when I think of my children and their children, I'm willing to go to extra trouble in farming."

Mr. Aday says he terraced his land and began contour cultivation two years ago. Now the once deep gullies are about 90 per cent healed.

COTTON PRICE JUMPS

Following the announcement that the Commodity Credit Corporation will offer to buy 1944 crop cotton from producers at parity prices, cotton prices in the ten principal markets advanced more than a half cent a pound and market activity increased sharply.

The parity price of cotton for September was unchanged at 21.08 cents a pound, and prices received by producers averaged 21.02 on September 15.

CARELESSNESS IS COSTLY

Careless use of matches, careless smoking habits, defective heating plants, and flammable wood shingles were among the major causes of farm fires, which cost about 3,500 lives and $100,000,000 in property damage last year. These figures are from the records of the National Fire Protection Association, which is sponsoring a Fire Prevention campaign this week.

LOANS AVAILABLE ON SMALL GRAINS

Small grain producers may obtain loans similar to the CCC wheat loans from the county AAA office, Chairman _____ said today. The loans amount to (list county loan rates for each).

Farmers can get rye and barley loans until December 31, grain sorghum until February 28. All the loans mature on demand, but not later than April 30, 1945. They bear interest at the rate of three per cent per annum.

The producer may redeem the loan at any time or may deliver the grain to the

Commodity Credit Corporation in settlement of the loan.

POINT VALUE OF FARM BUTTER REMAINS UNCHANGED

Although the point value of creamery butter has increased from 16 to 20 points a pound, the point value of farm butter and process butter continues at 12 red points.

PURCHASE RULES EASED FOR AAA

AAA is now permitted to use any annual appropriations to purchase conservation materials and services for use under future programs, according to the terms of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

The new act also permits tenants and sharecroppers on government-owned land to receive payments for carrying farming practices under the agricultural conservation program. In addition, the law provides for lowering the interest rate on REA loans from an average of about 2½ per cent to 2 per cent and extending the loan period from 25 to 35 years.

CALF SLAUGHTER CONTINUES HIGH

The large slaughter of calves this year reflects the saving of fewer dairy and beef calves for herd replacements and the caution of feeder buyers. July calf slaughter in federally inspected plants set an all-time record for the month, exceeding that of last July by 90 per cent.

WPB AUTHORIZES MORE PRESSURE CANNERS

Home canners will find more aluminum pressure canners in New Mexico stores next season. The War Production Board has authorized the production of 630,000 pressure canners during the nine months that began October 1. This is an increase of 230,000 canners over the quota for the past nine months.

LOWER EGG PRICES PREDICTED

Farmers will probably receive less for eggs during the next six months than in the same months last year, the USDA reports. Although egg production will be smaller, record supplies of frozen shell eggs in storage will probably more than make up the difference. Egg production in August was three per cent above previous August record in

HEMPHILL ANNOUNCES PEANUT PRICES

County farmers are assured a minimum of not less than $150 a ton for Spanish peanuts containing 70 per cent sound mature kernels, according to C. V. Hemphill, chairman of the State AAA Committee. The maximum price the sheller can pay the producer for his peanuts is $1.00 above the minimum price.

Minimum prices vary from $119 a ton for Spanish peanuts containing 54 per cent sound mature kernels to $171.50 a ton for Spanish peanuts containing 75 per cent sound mature kernels. For each one per cent above 75 per cent, $2.30 per ton is added to the minimum price.

COTTON MEETING SET FOR DECEMBER 4

Representatives of all branches of the cotton industry will attend a national cotton conference in Washington December 4. Representative Pace of Georgia, chairman of the Agricultural planning group which called the meeting, says the conference "will be the most important cotton meeting ever held."

Current and post-war problems will be considered.